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Reconciliation

Sacred Heart:
Saturday 3:00pm
St. Alphonsus:
Saturday 3:30pm
Sacraments
Baptism, Marriage,
Ministry of the Sick:
Please Call Parish Office

Sacred Heart Church
90 Melrose Rd
St. Alphonsus Church
85 E. Genesee St.
St. Ann Church
4890 Twelve Corners Rd.
Holy Family Church
85 North St.

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**Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026**

"Prayer is helplessness casting itself on power, infirmity leaning on strength, misery reaching to mercy and a prisoner clamoring for relief."

~Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

On Thursday, September 24, 2026, at the Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri, Mass will be celebrated for the beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Following this Mass, Archbishop Sheen will have the title "Blessed." A further step toward the possibility of one day being canonized a saint of the Church.

The soon to be Blessed Fulton Sheen was the sixth bishop of our Diocese of Rochester (1966-1969). He arrived in Rochester as a national media figure, having attracted millions of television viewers from the 1950's to the 1960's. His famous shows, Life is Worth Living and The Fulton Sheen Program became the platform for this gifted teacher, theologian and evangelizer. Communicating the great teachings and doctrines of the Roman Catholic faith to most any age viewer.

One of Archbishop Sheen's most important spiritual practices was his daily holy hour, an hour of prayer each day before the Blessed Sacrament. He often encouraged his priests, religious and the faithful to adopt their own personal holy hour before the Lord. Here is the profound truth about the Eucharist. The Risen Lord is truly present. When we come before Him in Adoration, when we stay long enough, often enough and still enough, we gradually become more like Him. More open, more caring and compassionate and more welcoming to others. We become more giving, even to the point of sacrificing ourselves for others. Jesus patiently waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament until we come to have the same attitude He has for us.

In that spirit of prayer, we have made available, for the past two years, the opportunity for extended prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Friday's at St. Alphonsus Church. In an effort to foster greater devotion to our Lord in the Eucharist and opportunity for Holy Hour, we are making some adjustments to our Friday Eucharistic Adoration.

Beginning Friday, September 25, 2026, the day after Fulton Sheen's beatification Mass, our Fridays of Adoration will take place at Sacred Heart Church with Eucharistic Adoration beginning after the 8:30 Mass. Friday Adoration will conclude with Benediction at approximately 5:00pm. Every Friday at 4:30pm we will gather for Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church) before the Blessed Sacrament. You will be provided with the Liturgy of the Hours for your prayerful participation.

Many among you have been faithful in being present with the Lord on Friday's at St. Alphonsus Church. Please continue your generosity of time and prayer in staying with the Lord, as we move to Sacred Heart Church. We hope and pray the new hours of Adoration and the addition of evening prayer will be enriching for all who gather. May we all strive to deepen our love for Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

God's Blessings,
Fr. Mike

Financial Stewardship For August 30, 2026

Sacred Heart Church

Regular Collection \$4271.00

St. Alphonsus Church

Regular Collection \$2979.00

St. Ann Church

Regular Collection \$4301.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity.
Your gifts help sustain our ministries
and bless our community.*

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Bring your school backpacks to 11:00am Mass on September 6th!

We will have a special "Blessing of the Backpacks" to pray for God's guidance, safety, and joy in the classroom this year. As a new school year begins, we want to surround our students, teachers, catechists, and school staff with prayer and support.

All students and educators are invited to participate.

Back-to-School Blessing—

Dear God, We ask that You bless the students in our congregation, giving them inspirational teachers, studious habits, solid friendships, and

Your grace in every moment of this school year. Bless the teachers and school staff in our congregation, too. Fill them with Your love and care so that, as they teach and minister to our young people, Your wisdom and light may be known, encountered, and shared.

Amen.

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Calendar of Events

Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday, September 6, 2026

11:00am(SH) Blessing of Backpacks

Monday, September 7, 2026

Labor Day- All Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

6:00pm(SH) Men's Club

Sunday, September 13, 2026

1:00pm Parish Picnic at Yawger Brook

The "Pack the Pantry" item for the week of
September 5/6-Jars of Jelly/Jam/Preserves
September 12/13-Bags/Boxes of Cookies
Please bring these items to church and place them in our "Pack the Pantry" Baskets or they can be brought to the:

ST. ALPHONSUS FOOD PANTRY **(Physical Location)**

1579 Clark St. Rd. Fingerlakes Mall

Monday-Saturday

9:00 am-11:30 am

315-252-0710

***PLEASE NOTE: Tuna Fish, Soup, Pasta,
Coffee & Tea, Juice, Dish Soap, Laundry
Soap, Tissues and Hand Soap
are always needed and appreciated.***

All Correspondence should be addressed to:

St. Alphonsus Food Pantry

90 Melrose Rd.

Auburn, NY 13021

Thank you for your continued generosity.

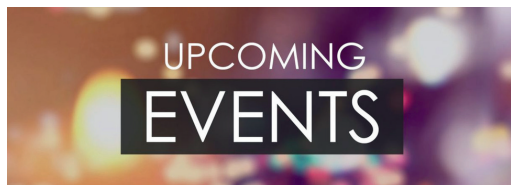
September Devotion: Our Lady of Sorrows

During the month of September, the Catholic Church traditionally honors Our Lady of Sorrows. This devotion invites us to reflect on the deep love and faith of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who walked faithfully beside her Son, sharing in His suffering. As we celebrate her feast day on September 15, we pray for her maternal intercession in our own times of trial and grief. Consider spending time in prayer this month with the Seven Sorrows Rosary, asking Our Lady to draw us closer to the heart of Jesus.

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all.

Amen.

~ from Our Sunday Visitor



The Parish Picnic will be held on **September 13th** at Yawger Brook again this year from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Join us and enjoy delicious food, games, and fellowship. *RSVP to Nancy in the parish office at 315-252-7271.*

Join the Parish Life Committee!

The Parish Life Committee is looking for new members! Our primary role is to foster community and fellowship within the parish by organizing casual social events like potlucks, picnics, and such. We aim to create a strong sense of belonging and strengthen our parish family.

Meetings are typically held on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room at Sacred Heart Parish Hall (90 Melrose Road, Auburn). Our next meeting is Monday, September 14th at 6:00 PM (Delayed one week due to Labor Day) and is open to all—everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us for our next First Friday Mass in the Hall at Sacred Heart Church on *October 2nd, 2026 at 11:30 AM*. A light luncheon will follow. If you've never attended a First Friday Mass before, this is the perfect time to come see what the fun, faith, and fellowship are all about!

Dance for People with Special Needs will take place on Friday September 25th, in the Sacred Heart Hall from 6:00pm to 8:00pm featuring a DJ, dancing, pizza, water and soda with gifts for the guests!!! We are very excited and hope to see you there!!!

RADA Catalogs for our Parish Life Fundraising are available in the vestibule of each of our Churches. Instructions for placing online orders are printed right on the front of every catalog. If you have any difficulty ordering or have questions, please reach out to:

- Karen Mahoney: 315-515-3151
- Missy Deyneka: 315-246-8945
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**Grades K-7 & Confirmation Year 1 and Year 2
Faith Formation Begins in September:
A New Year of Growing in Christ!**

We are excited for the opportunity to meet and serve the families of our parish cluster and beyond for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation year!

No matter if you are a returning family, have been away from the parish/faith formation program for a while, or are brand new to our parish cluster, we are so happy that you have made the choice to entrust your children to us and form a partnership where we can spread the love and joy of the Gospel together.

May this new season of faith formation draw every child and teen closer to Jesus, deepen prayer, strengthen participation in the sacraments, and strengthen our parish community in love.

For questions, class times, volunteer opportunities, or registration, please contact Ana Haff, Director of Faith Formation via email (ana.haff@dor.org). We look forward to growing in faith together this year!

SEPTEMBER 11
NEVER FORGET ©LPI

A Prayer of Remembrance:

25th Anniversary of 9/11

On Friday, September 11, we mark 25 years since the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Let us pause to pray and remember the victims, comfort the families who still grieve, and ask for continued peace and healing in our nation and world. May we also pray for God's guidance, strength, and protection, and may His peace dwell in our hearts as we remember and honor all those affected by that day.

We would like to thank
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Our Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, September 6, 2026
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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Amen

Heaven

Testimony

Pray

Earth

Jesus

Alone

Church

Bind

Witnesses

Father



Visit CatholicMom.com for more resources for you and your family
"The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together." - Venerable Patrick Peyton

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF September 6, 2026

Saturday, September 5, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*Nancy Tokarz* by Tom
+*Angela Almerto* by Carol
+*D. Walsh* by Family

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Richard Boedicker* by Judy

Sunday, September 6, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Helen Oyer* by Family
+*Ed Galka* by Theresa Leonardi

9:00 am St. Ann

+*Robert Brown* by Ron & Sara Podolak
+*Sharon Romano* by Bereavement Ministry

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*James Campbell* by Tim & Maria Chiavara

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*Brian Vitale* by Grandma & Grandpa
+*Bobby Lawler* by Mark Driscoll

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Samantha Whitaker* by Eileen & Chuck Bianchini
+*James E. Bennink* by Family

Monday, September 7, 2026~

All Parish Offices Closed

8:30 am Sacred Heart

No Mass

9:00 am St. Alphonsus

No Mass

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*John Mckeen* by Molly

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*P.M. & Pat Alano & the Souls in Purgatory*
by Gloria

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

12:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Ruth Schell* by Estate

Thursday, September 10, 2026

5:15 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Robert Brown* by Dr. Phillip & Cath Gioia

Friday, September 11, 2026

7:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*Becky Wisniewski* by Bereavement Ministry

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*John Cresco* by Ellen DelloStritto

Saturday, September 12, 2026

4:00 pm Sacred Heart

+*Joh Farrell* by Mary
+*Ann Mulvey* by Peter & Barbara Mulvey
+*Nancy Castellano* by Bereavement Ministry

4:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Maureen, John & Anne Burns* by Tim & Marsha
+*Ann Caci & Don & Bill McConnell*
by Theresa Powers

Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:30 am Sacred Heart

+*Leo McGinn* by Family
+*David Welch* by Family

9:00 am St. Ann

+*Bill Stinson* by Richard White
+*Anna Flanigan* by The Flanigan Family

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+*Matthew Salemi* by Maria & MaryEllen
+*Margery Klock Connell* by Family

11:00 am Sacred Heart

+*Patricia Ault* by Bereavement Ministry
+*Ed Galka* by Jean Marino

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus

+*Mary E. Forshee*
by Kathy Murray & Maureen Dykoschak
+*Daniel Kerstetter* by Family

**The Memorial Candles
The Week of September 6, 2026**

Sacred Heart Church

Tabernacle Candle

Stanley & Mary

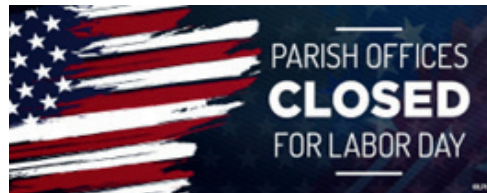
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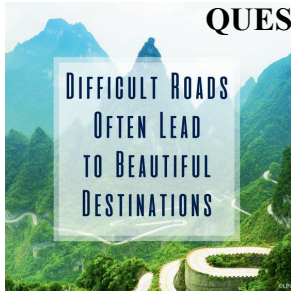
St. Alphonsus Church

Tabernacle Candle

Becky Wisniewski

by Ed & Joanne Nash





QUESTION OF THE WEEK

This weekend at Mass, we heard about how Peter does not want to accept Jesus' destiny as the Messiah who suffers greatly and dies. How do you process difficult

news or information?

Men's Club resumes the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. All men of the parish are warmly invited to join the Sacred Heart Men's Club as we kickoff our new season on Tuesday, September 8th. Going forward, meetings will regularly take place on the first Tuesday of each month (unless there is a conflict). Come enjoy a delicious potluck dinner, fellowship, and conversation with your fellow parishioners. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Club President Doug Mason at 315-253-2028. We look forward to seeing you there!

Monthly Pasta Drive-Thru Dinner at St. Mary's Church is Tuesday, September 8th at 4:00 pm until sold out. Cost is \$12. All are invited!

Pope Leo's Intention for September For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Do you like to sing? Our choir will be starting back up soon and all are invited to join. Practice is on Thursday evenings at Sacred Heart at 5:30pm. Anyone from any parish is invited to join and all are welcome. For information call Tom Techman at 315-252-7271 Ext. 208

A Prayer for World Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace. We ask You to look upon our broken world and send Your Holy Spirit to heal our divisions. Where there is hatred, sow Your love. Where there is conflict, bring Your reconciliation. Enlighten the minds of world leaders, and give them the wisdom to seek justice and truth. Guide our own hearts to be instruments of Your peace in our daily lives, our families, and our community. Guide all nations into the way of unity, that we may live as one human family under Your care. Amen.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. " ~John 14:27



HELLO
September

Where there is mercy and discernment, there is neither excess nor hardness of heart.

~Saint Francis of Assisi

Thank you for visiting our church this Sunday! We hope you felt at home and that the message encouraged your heart. It was a joy to have you with us, and we look forward to seeing you again. If you have any questions or want to know more about our church, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

If you would like to register, contact Nancy in the Parish Office at 315-252-7271 or email nancy.kavanagh@dor.org or stop in the parish office.

September 6, 2026

Remember our Sick: Deb Cartner, David & Mary Foster, Kelly Pines, Lonnie & Barbie Kiesenger, Sandra Ward, Sara Fitzpatrick, Julie Boyd, Richard Burns, Bobby Boucher, Pat Allen, Heidi, Frank D., Johnny Coop, Kevin Jessie, Kathryn Lane, Eleanor Hudo, Patricia Ricci, Anthony Alberici, Evelyn Gagliano, Carl Jr. & Cheryl Moore Festa, Tim Grazsko, Jamie Mazza, Pat, Jim Podolak, Mary Manuel, Olivia, Kathleen, Bruce, Marilyn Castiglione, Allyza, John Salva, Stacy, Danielle, Lucy Pagano, Kevin & Maryanne Festa Leonard, Cortney Fedyshyn, Briana Dewitt, Joyce Blowers, John Clark, Cheryl Bellnier, Colleen Pinckney, Pat Gallagher, Gloria Cuddy, Tim Daly, Sue Daly, Carol Aldrich, Thomas Didio, Dave, Don & Joan Zeleznik, Mary Campbell, Mark Cole, Jonathan Arrowsmith, Lucas Mallory, Joe Schubach, Mary Warter, Gina DelPiano, Caleb Jones, Michael Fronzek, Carter Hergert, Joan Komanecy, Elizabeth Lane, Frances Lane, Siobhan Phillippe, Donna Romano, and those listed in our Book of Petitions.

"We pray for all those who are sick, especially those on our parish prayer list, those in nursing homes, assisted living, the hospital or the homebound. May they receive comfort, healing, and strength from God's grace."

Please call Nancy at 315-252-7271 to have names added or removed. Thank you!

We pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving U.S. and abroad: Ella Callahan 2nd Lt. USMC, Major Mark Doherty US Army, LCpl Brian Baxter USMC, Capt. Gregory Baxter USMC, Capt. DJ Benzing USAF, Lt. Col Joseph E. Brooks USAF, SSgt Tom Ellis Sr. USA, SSgt Angel Gonzalez USA, Col Eddie Gonzalez USMC, Pvt. Zachary Gonzalez USMC, CWO4 Roger Graf USA, 1SGT Zachary Howell USA, SSgt. James Johnson USMC, SFC Jason Mero USA, Pvt. Justin Miller USA, E3 David Mirales US Navy, Lt Jg Richard Nelson IV, USN, E4 Adam H. Brooks, Airman Sarah Pasternak, USAF, Lt. Jack Hogan, USN, Airman Alex Gonnella, USAF., Major William Griffin USMC

"We pray for the protection and safety of all military personnel, including police, fire, and corrections serving both at home and abroad, especially those deployed in dangerous situations."